

U.S. Imperialism Is Chief Wire-Puller in Suppression of Palestinian Guerrillas

U.S. imperialism has set Jordan's reactionaries on the Palestinian guerrillas again. A full-scale armed suppression campaign has been in progress since January 8. Tanks and heavy artillery were used by the Jordanian troops called out to do the job. It was the U.S. imperialists' and Jordanian reactionaries' hope to liquidate the Palestinian revolution with one fell blow. The manoeuvre makes it clear once again that for all its mouthings about "keeping the peace in the Middle East" U.S. imperialism is in fact mainly responsible for the slaughtering of the Palestinian people. It is the sworn enemy of the 100 million Arab people.

This fresh suppression of the Palestinian guerrillas was engineered from beginning to end by U.S. imperialism. It was another insidious application of the so-called "Nixon doctrine" of using "Arabs to attack Arabs" with the money and guns supplied by the United States.

Last September, U.S. imperialism instigated the Jordanian reactionaries to eliminate the Palestinian guerrillas. The plot failed to come off. Since then Washington has stepped up its efforts to groom Jordan's reactionary forces militarily, politically and economically. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence David Packard openly declared, as early as September 25 last year, that the United States intended to make up for the arms lost by the reactionary Jordanian forces in action against the guerrillas. He said the "continuing military capability" of the Jordanian reactionaries should be ensured. U.S. imperialist chieftain Nixon indicated the next day that the United States "will assume this responsibility to make good the losses suffered by the Jordanians in the recent struggle." To give the Jordanian reactionaries a shot in the arm, he authorized appropriation of five million U.S. dollars for these stooges. U.S. planes, tanks, field pieces and ammunition were shipped to Jordan in a steady flow from the end of September.

Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization pointed out early last November that U.S. imperialism and the Jordanian reactionaries "are preparing for a second battle. This has been shown in the activities of airplanes unloading in Amman bombs, tanks and weapons of various kinds and ships unloading at Aqaba (port in southern Jordan) other tanks, guns and weapons. The United States is supplying the Jordanian Government with complete equipment for an armoured division." By redoubling its efforts to equip the Jordanian reaction-

aries, U.S. imperialism has enabled the Jordanian army not only to replenish its losses in arms quickly but increase its troop strength on a big scale, in preparation for a new attack against the Palestinian guerrillas.

On November 18, 1970, Nixon asked the U.S. Congress to provide the Jordanian reactionaries with 30 million U.S. dollars. He praised the Jordanian authorities for their "determination and capacity" to liquidate the Palestinian guerrillas "which oppose a peace settlement." In the course of his closed-door meetings with Nixon during his December visit to the United States, King Hussein of Jordan asked the U.S. president for 200 million U.S. dollars in "military aid." He was quoted as being very much encouraged by his talks with the U.S. president. As revealed by the U.A.R. paper *Al Ahram* on December 11, during Hussein's stay in the United States the U.S. Government promised to provide the Jordanian authorities with 110 light armoured cars, 45 Patton tanks and 18 Starfighter interceptors. In addition to the U.S. dollars and weapons, U.S. imperialism sent a large number of military advisers, experts and officials to Jordan to take a direct part in the spade-work to be done for suppressing the Palestinian guerrillas. In the massacre of last September, a U.S. command unit directed operations in Amman for the Jordanian reactionaries' armed attacks on the Palestinian guerrillas. In this connection, mention may be made of the identification card of a U.S. marine corporal named Mark Lenner which fell into the hands of the Palestinian guerrillas in Amman. These so-called U.S. advisers, experts and officials have stayed put in Jordan, where they are cooking up plots from behind the scenes to liquidate the Palestinian guerrillas. As disclosed by Chairman Yasser Arafat, violations of the ceasefire agreements reached between the Palestinian guerrillas and the Jordanian authorities were, he said, "carried out with the actual and direct help of the American Ambassador (in Amman), American military advisers and American civilians. We have evidence to prove that those who were in the operational command (in Jordan) were American experts. They are still there."

Facts prove abundantly that U.S. imperialism is plotter and instigator in the suppression of the Palestinian guerrillas. U.S. State Department spokesman John King was obliged to admit at his January 12 news briefing that about the fighting in Jordan "we have information. We're, of course, in contact with the Jordanian authorities." But when a newsman asked him whether the Jordanian authorities had "begun a new effort to

wipe out guerrillas," he lamely hedged with a disclaimer. "No, no, no. . . . I can't speak for the Jordanian Government." He contradicted himself, trying to conceal what he had already unwittingly revealed. It was precisely the plotting and instigation of U.S. imperialism that led to the Jordanian reactionaries' frenzied armed attacks on the Palestinian guerrillas in defiance of world opinion and in total disregard of the angry condemnation by the 100 million Arab people.

U.S. imperialism must repay in kind the blood debt it incurred in instigating the Jordanian reactionaries

to massacre the Palestinian people. The Palestinian guerrillas are today fighting valiantly in self-defence in order to smash the criminal attempts of U.S. imperialism and its lackeys to stamp out the Palestinian revolution. The Arab people including the Jordanian people share an intense hatred for the enemy. They have excoriated U.S. imperialism and the Jordanian reactionaries for their crime in suppressing the Palestinian guerrillas. A revolutionary storm is striking U.S. imperialism and its lackeys in the Middle East. No one on earth can check the march of the Palestinian and Arab people.